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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Alain FORESTIERE et al. : Examiner: Unassigned
Serial No.: 09/864,877 *pdr* : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: May 25, 2001 :
For: MATERIALS COMPRISING ORGANIC GROUPS CONTAINING SULPHUR AND
PHOSPHOROUS BONDED TO A MINERAL OXIDE VIA OXYGEN ATOMS

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on May 25, 2001,
please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 15 and 16 as follows:

B 1. (Amended) Materials comprising groups containing sulphur and phosphorous bonded together by a hydrocarbon chain and bonded via phosphorous and oxygen atoms to a mineral oxide of one or more elements M, said materials being characterized in that they comprise M-O-M' bonds, M' representing an element of a mineral oxide identical to or different from M, in that the ratio of said element M to the phosphorous is about 0.5:1 to about 500:1, and in that each phosphorous atom of the phosphorous-containing groups forms at least one P-O-M bond and/or P-O-M' bond: